

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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MOU WITH RAILWAYS FOR HEALTHCARE INFRASTRUCTURE

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has signed any Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Ministry of Railways for developing healthcare infrastructure alongside the rail network in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry of Railways has handed over land for the said purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which such healthcare institution are likely to start functioning?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) to (d) : The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) and the Ministry of Railways (MoR) have signed an MoU for setting up health care facilities, like diagnostic laboratories/OPD, hospitals, super speciality hospitals, etc., on Railway land near Railway stations and terminals at identified locations all over India, for the benefit of common people living in those areas, passengers and railwaymen.

The list of locations identified by the MoR for the above purpose is attached as Annexure.

It is proposed to set up, on a pilot basis, diagnostic laboratories with OPD facilities at a few identified locations. No time frame can be given at this juncture.